

**Drainage Board Meeting
January 3, 2022 – 12:00pm
Newton County Courthouse, Kentland, IN**

The Newton County Drainage Board met on January 3, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room of the Newton County Courthouse with the following persons present: **Board Members – Scott Carlson, Tim Drenth & Glen (Butch) Cain; Surveyor – Beau Watkins; Drainage Board Attorney – Candace Armstrong; Drainage Board Secretary – Jamie Rowe; CBBE – Jason Durr; Deb Chapman and Mike Wiseman.**

Scott Carlson called the meeting to order.

Election of Officers for 2022 – Tim Drenth made a motion to appoint Glen (Butch) Cain as president and Scott Carlson as Vice President of the Drainage Board. Second by Scott Carlson – motioned carried 3-0.

Scott Carlson made a motion to keep Jamie Rowe as the Drainage Board Secretary for 2022. Second by Glen (Butch) Cain – motion carried 3-0.

Minutes – November 1, 2021 – Glen (Butch) Cain made a motion to approve the minutes. Second by Tim Drenth – motion carried 3-0.

Project Updates – Jason Durr, CBBE – Hibler/Hidden Pines, Best Davis Watts & Knight Moffitt

Hibler/Hidden Pines – CBBE received the Regional General Permit from the Army Corp. Beau was given a hard copy as well as a thumb drive and an electronic copy. Discussion continued regarding project and financials. ***Drainage Board requested that Surveyor Watkins and Jason Durr discuss this and present the information at the next meeting.***

Best Davis Watts Open – Wetland report and delineation have been completed. A digital copy was given to Surveyor Watkins. Discussion -no action necessary.

Knight-Moffitt (Joint Board) – Candace would like to speak to Jason after the meeting regarding the Terms & Conditions presented by CBBE as she has some questions. She will then follow up with Scott Carlson.

CBBE On-Call Contract – The Board requested that Candace look at the On-Call Contract with CBBE for legal review since the contract we are working off of is from 2014.

Mike Wiseman – William Martin Tile; Frank Best; Shue; Frank Johnson Open

Scott Carlson stated for the record that he has a conflict regarding all ditches & tiles that Mr. Wiseman is here to discuss; therefore he will not be voting on anything regarding finances.

William Martin/Frank Best & Adjacent Tile – Mr. Wiseman was in attendance to request that the bid be reissued so that the work may be started.

Discussion held regarding this project history and funds.

Mike Wiseman agreed to speak to the land owners and get signatures for the petition needed to move forward with this project.

Tim Drenth made a motion to request a Surveyor's Report on the William Martin, Frank Best and adjacent area from Surveyor Watkins, to be presented at the February 7, 2022 meeting. Second by Glen (Butch) Cain and Scott Carlson (as this did not involve finances) – motion carried 3 -0.

West Shue Open Ditch/Tile – Scott noted for the record, again, that he has a conflict with this tile.

Mike Wiseman requested that this ditch be dipped. Discussion regarding the regulated and private portions of this ditch and tile. Mr. Wiseman will speak to the land owners regarding a petition for this ditch/tile. Once regulated it may be dipped at the same time as the regulated portion, which would be the most cost effective.

Tim Drenth made a motion to dip the West Shue Open (regulated) and inspect the portion that may be regulated in the future. Second by Glen (Butch) Cain – motion carried 2-0. Scott Carlson abstained from voting.

Frank Johnson Ditch – Mike Wiseman requested this ditch be dipped north of 600, however that is not a regulated portion.

Tim Drenth made a motion for a Surveyor's Report on the Frank Johnson Ditch. Second by Scott Carlson (as this did not involve finances) – motion carried 3-0.

The Drainage Board requested that Surveyor Watkins send this out for bid before they have the report so they have the bids back when they have the report.

Other Matters

Goodland Lateral Tile – Surveyor Watkins presented his estimation of cost to correct a problem with this tile.

Scott Carlson made a motion to proceed with the project on the Goodland Lateral Tile, as presented by Surveyor Watkins - pending approval of the Benton County Surveyor. Second by Tim Drenth – motion carried 3-0.

LaSalle /Best Davis Watts Portion – Surveyor Watkins stated that there is a culvert in the Davis portion of the Best Davis Watts – the one furthest east under Route 10 & into LaSalle is completely plugged. He has set a meeting set with a contractor this afternoon. He believes it would be under \$3,000.00 to complete.

Ed Madison Tile (Lateral to George Clark Lateral) – Dave Eighnor is having drainage problems at his home, Surveyor Watkins said the tile is clogged with tree roots. **Scott Carlson motioned that Surveyor Watkins have roto-rooter (Rensselaer Septic) come out to have this cleaned. Second by Tim Drenth – motion carried 3-0.**

Barton Ditch – Carl Ward has contacted Surveyor Watkins because there was a hearing in 2012 to assess this drain, however the work was never started. **Tim Drenth made a motion to get quotes from an engineering firm for the work needing done. Second by Scott Carlson – motion carried 3-0.**

FEMA Reports – Deb stated we have to turn in quarterly reports. Darroch is still incomplete. She asked Surveyor Watkins if we will be able to get this completed. Surveyor Watkins said he just needs to get the contractors out and look at it. He said it will be done.

Active Projects – The Drainage Board requested that Surveyor Watkins present a report on the active and on-going projects at the next scheduled meeting.

Surveyor’s Stamp –The Drainage Board agreed that if needed, Drainage Board Secretary, Jamie Rowe, may use the Surveyor’s stamp when requested via email for supporting documentation.

Field Technician – Scott Carlson asked Surveyor Watkins if he was hiring a new Field Technician. Discussion regarding process of Council approval. The Surveyor had not heard back from the Council – Scott Carlson said they approved of the job description.

Adjournment – Glen (Butch) Cain motioned to adjourn the meeting. Second by Tim Drenth – motion carried 3-0.

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Gen (Butch) Cain
President

X

Scott Carlson

X

Tim Drenth